

BID ADVERTISEMENT - CREATE WA1

WA1-UP-XXB-008-Z-BD

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is issuing an invitation to bid on the CREATE WA1 – Ogden Junction Project in Chicago, IL. (UPRR Rockwell Subdivision Mile Post 0.18 to Mile Post 2.68)

The Ogden Junction (WA1) project will improve a 2.5 mile-long segment of the Union Pacific rail line along Rockwell Avenue between Fulton Street on the north and 16th Street on the south. Improvements include replacement of 15 bridges, rehabilitation of two bridges and permanent removal of two bridges. The project will enhance freight and passenger rail and community connectivity, resulting in safety upgrades and improving aesthetics of bridge passageways for pedestrians and cyclists traveling on local streets and sidewalks.

This project will be funded in part by federal and/or state funds. Therefore, bidder/consultant will be required to comply with certain State and Federal policies, such as Buy America, Equal Employment Opportunity, Disadvantage Business Enterprise participation (25%) and Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates. Insurance requirements (subject to change) are: Commercial General Liability combined single limit \$25M per occurrence and \$25M aggregate, Automobile Liability combined single limit \$10M per occurrence, Employers' Liability Insurance, Builder's Risk Insurance, Riggers Liability, Railroad Protective Liability Insurance; Workers' Compensation Insurance. UPRR requires that the railroad be named as an additional insured. Insurance coverage cannot be denied within 50 feet of a railroad. Health and Safety Action Plan is required. Contractor must be qualified under UPRR's standard pre-qualification requirements to access project plans. UPRR requires that a project manager be committed for the duration of a job. Contractor safety orientation training, ISNetwork (ISN), and employee participation in E-Verify, e-RailSafe programs are required. Consultant subcontractors will also need to participate in both E-Verify and eRailSafe.

All interested bidders attending the pre-bid meeting must provide and wear railroad-approved PPE equipment including but not limited to eye protection, hard hats, high visibility vests, hearing protection, and lace up work boots with defined heel and steel toe protection.

DBE requirement on contracting is 25 percent.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting, site inspection, and networking event is required for primes. Site inspection attendance is limited to two attendees per prime. The mandatory pre-bid is for **primes only** scheduled for 08:00 am (CST) on the 13th, August, 2025 at the following location:

UIC Student Center West

828 S. Wolcott Ave Chicago, IL 60612

2nd Floor Thompson Rooms

A mandatory networking event for primes with the purpose of networking with subcontractors/DBE firms interested in the project is scheduled for 10:00am to 11:30 (CST) the 13th, August, 2025 at the following location:

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Primes must provide at least 1 attendee for the networking event.

Please contact Kaylee Erlbacher at Email: kkerlbac@up.com to obtain pre-qualification questionnaire. Once UPRR reviews the pre-qualification questionnaire and determines the Supplier is qualified, access will be given to the proposal package.

Bids are due at 2:00PM CST October 30, 2025, via UPRR Keelvar. Questions are due via UPRR Keelvar by 2:00 pm CST on September 19, 2025. Contractor selection is anticipated to be finalized in 4th Quarter 2025.

For more information on CREATE go to <http://www.createprogram.org>